



Forest Heights Municipal Election

WE ARE HAVING AN ELECTION!

MARCH 10, 2021

POLL HOURS 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

PLEASE COME OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

HABEEB-ULLAH MUHAMMAD—INCUMBENT

CYNTHIA MANN

LARRY STONER

CANDIDATES FOR WARD II

CLIFTON ATKINSON—INCUMBENT

THERESA BROWNSON

CANDIDATES FOR WARD III

TAUNYA HINES—INCUMBENT

TOWN ELECTION 2021 INSTRUCTIONS – FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A Town Election Drop Box will be located at the Town Municipal Building,
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745 from 8:00am-6:00pm
Monday-Friday and One (1) Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 11am-4:00pm

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Dated: 2/22/2021

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ELECTION 2021 INSTRUCTIONS -- FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Vote by Mail

To vote by mail you must first fill out and return a Vote by Mail Ballot Application. You can request a ballot by phone/mail/email or pick one up from the Clerk's office in the Town Hall. (Any registered Forest Heights voter may apply for an absentee ballot application and vote by mail or use the election drop box).

How to Vote by Mail

- After you receive your ballot, carefully read and follow the instructions.
- Mail your voter ballot back to the address indicated on the return envelope or place your ballot in the drop box that is marked "Ballot Box" at the Town Hall before **4pm on March 10, 2021**. Sign and Print your name on the back where indicated.
- The Ballot must be received prior to the closing of the polls on election day; or
- All mail-in ballots must be received from the Postal Service by 8:00 PM, Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (Election Day).
- Double-check the deadlines and be certain to cast your voted ballot on time to be sure it is counted.

Late Application for A Vote by Mail Ballot

Beginning on the Wednesday preceding the election, through the closing of the polls on Election Day, a registered voter or the voter's duly authorized agent may apply in person for a Vote by Mail ballot at the office of the Town Clerk:

Use of An Agent

A qualified applicant may designate an agent to pick up and deliver the Vote by Mail ballot. The agent:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- May not be a candidate on the ballot.
- Must be designated in writing by the voter, under penalty of perjury.
Must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was:
 - Delivered to the voter.
 - Marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allow, in the agent's presence; and
 - Returned to the local board by the agent (Not later than 8 pm on Election Day).

Assistance

A voter who requires assistance in casting a Vote by Mail ballot by reason of disability, inability to write, or inability to read the ballot may be assisted by any individual with the exception of:

- A candidate who is on the ballot.
- The voter's employer or an agent of the employer; or
- An officer or agent of the voter's union.

A person assisting a voter in completing a Vote by Mail ballot must execute a certification and include that certification with the completed ballot.

Contact the Town of Forest Heights Clerk's Office for details on this process at (301) 839-1030.

Community and Police News

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NOW OPEN

The Forest Heights Municipal Building will now be open to the public for business only. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM. All visitors to the Municipal Building must wear a mask and social distance. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by or call 301-839-1030. We look forward to assisting you.

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

Forest Heights Police Department News

The Forest Heights Police Department is now 24 hours a day. For all emergencies dial 911. For all non-emergencies, call 301-839-4040. After 5pm, call 301-352-1200.



Community News

Senior Exercise Group

The Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class currently meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 PM. Schedule is subject to change. The exercise class is free to join for Forest Heights Seniors, and a great way to stay connected and stay fit. Call Ms. Moore at 240-640-6641 for more information.



Forest Heights Community Garden

Interested in having your own gardening space? Want to grow your green thumb? The Town of Forest Heights has a Community Garden on North Huron Drive on a first come first serve basis. Indoor planting begins in March, outdoor planting begins in May. Plots are available for individuals, families, and groups. All participants must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Gardening for Better Health

Reserve your plot today!

*If you are interested, call
301-839-1030.*

*Come help our garden
grow.*



Sump Pump Guidelines

Annual maintenance checks are important! This may require demolition of a portion of the basement floor to install the pump. To be effective, the sump pump needs to be away from the basement walls and have positive drainage away from the building. A backup battery is important. With storms knocking out power, you want to make sure your pump continues to work until the power returns. Sump pumps should be tested at least once a year, preferably in the early spring, prior to the "wet season." Test the system if a storm is approaching, and make sure the sump pit does not contain any debris that will clog the sump's inlet pipe. Ensure the outlet pipe is clear and the water flows freely to the designated area. If you have an outlet hose running away from the house and it has a history of freezing, make sure you disconnect that hose in early winter. Otherwise, it can burn your pump out! If the sump does not operate properly, check the power source for the pump. If you cannot determine the problem yourself, contact a professional.



TAX SEASON IS HERE

The deadline to submit your tax return is April 15, 2021, but you should start preparing for it now. There is no guarantee that the IRS will extend the deadline due to COVID-19. Please be sure to put Forest Heights as your address, and use the Town of Forest Heights Tax Code (1728) instead of Prince George's County. By putting Forest Heights on your tax code and driver's license you are ensuring that the tax revenue gets directed to the Town and the 4 schools within the municipality. If you have not received a stimulus payment by February 25, a payment will not be issued and you may claim the Recovery Rebate Credit, if you're eligible. You must file a 2020 tax return to claim the credit even if you usually don't file.



COVID-19 News

VACCINE NEWS

Vaccinations now being performed at Six Flags America on Central Avenue by appointment. Six Flags is not under county operation. The following individuals are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1C:

Adults ages 65-74 years of age

Health and human services not covered in Phase 1A

Public safety not covered in Phase 1A

Essential workers at high risk of exposure (in alphabetical order)

Food and agriculture workers (farms and processing centers)

Grocery store workers

Public transit workers (including transport for seniors and persons with disabilities)

Postal service workers

Sign up for pre-registration online to start waiting for your turn to be vaccinated.

Some pharmacies are now offering COVID-19 vaccinations. These include certain locations at chains such as Walgreens, CVS, Safeway, and Giant Pharmacy. Check out [MarylandVax.org](https://www.marylandvax.org) to find which locations are offering the vaccine, and to sign up for an appointment. Prince George's County is asking residents who have received a link to make a second dose appointment NOT to share that link. This slows down the appointment process for everyone.

Pre-register with the county at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>.



Prince George's County COVID Testing sites

Prince George's County has several permanent testing locations for COVID-19, with pop up locations announced on their website. You can find the locations by going to princegeorgescountymd.gov and searching COVID-19 testing. Testing is limited to persons 10 years of age or older. Patients do not need an appointment, doctor's note, or insurance to get tested.

Adventist Medical Group. 10709 Indian Head Highway, Suite D, Fort Washington. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 7:30 AM-11:30 AM.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville. 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville. Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.



Testing is also available by appointment at many private locations. Check with your nearest pharmacy to see if they offer this service. The Prince George's County website also offers locating services for testing.

DONATE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The Prince George's County Office of Community Relations is organizing a donation program for residents in need, as well as first responders or medical personnel. If you have non-perishable food, baby supplies, hygiene products or Personal Protective Equipment, consider filling out the online form by following the link below:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/FormCenter/Health-13/COVID19-Donations-138>



PGCPS Resources



Prince George's County Schools will be shifting to a hybrid learning schedule in April. Resources are available for students and parents. Nine Parent Centers are **open Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Parents may call **240-696-3315** during these hours for live assistance or to book an appointment at a center. The closest Parent Center is Thurgood Marshall Middle School at **4909 Brinkley Road** in Temple Hills. All visitors to these centers should wear a mask.

To learn more about the evolving plan, go to the PGCPS website and follow the prompts for the Reopen page. It will contain press releases, resources, and updated plans for the school system.

Community News

INQUIRE WITHIN COACHING Coaching Services

Virtual Meeting Location

- Tuesdays - 4:00 PM
- Thursdays - 8:00 PM
- Saturdays - 10:00 AM

Register Today!

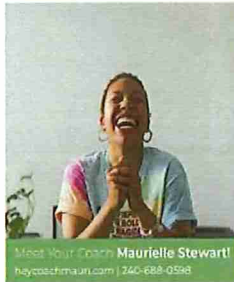


Let's Get You Back to Work!

These workshops will help attendees get back to center so they can get back to work. Attendees will learn to adjust their mindsets and reframe their circumstances in an effort to reestablish confidence in their amazing potential for achievement. The workshops will review the tools needed to thrive while reenvisioning their career in the unpredictable COVID-19 world.

Participants must attend either a Tuesday or Thursday workshop to be eligible for the Saturday session and 1:1 coaching.

Workshops begin January 4, 2021, register today!
Make the Shift From Confusion to Clarity.



Meet Your Coach Maurielle Stewart!
heycoachmauri.com | 340-688-0598



Step 1: Name It

The Name It workshops will enable attendees to get clear on how they're feeling about their new reality and daily skills to navigate through the changes.



Step 2: Frame It

The Frame It workshops will help attendees rewire their mindset. Here they will learn to look at their situation through the lenses of possibility and positivity.



Step 3: Claim It

The Claim It workshop connects all the insights from steps one and two and empowers attendees to build their own unique system for success.

To Register, Please Visit heycoachmauri.com/a/c
Password: Success

www.PGCAJC.com

(301) 618 - 8445

AmericanJobCenter



Maryland Tree Law



In Maryland, a property owner may utilize "self-help" to trim back at the property line any tree branches or roots encroaching from an adjoining property. This includes trimming overhanging branches located above the ground that break the imaginary plane located along the property line. The exception is that any trimming of encroaching branches or roots must not be so severe as to threaten the health of the adjoining property owner's tree or other vegetation. If a tree straddles the property line, it is considered jointly owned by both neighbors and both must agree to any removal or pruning of the boundary line tree, unless the tree immediately presents an unsafe condition. Another exception to the self-help remedy exists with regard to roadside trees. Any person who desires to cut down or trim any roadside tree must apply to either the Maryland Department of Natural Resources or the local government (county or municipality) for a permit. Permits are not required to trim a tree that is uprooted or has branches broken so as to endanger persons or property unless local ordinances state otherwise. Roadside trees are typically located within the unimproved portion of the public right-of-way.

However, one should check with the Town and/or a recorded plot to determine the exact location of the property lines. When dealing with dead trees, the owner on whose property the dead tree stands may have a duty to prevent injury to neighbors or passersby where the tree poses a danger. The owner of an urban tree, such as in Forest Heights, typically has a higher legal duty to use reasonable care to protect the safety of others. If an urban property owner had notice or was otherwise made aware of a dangerous tree condition, he or she would be held responsible for any damages or injuries to unsuspecting persons or property caused by fallen dead branches. If the fallen tree or branch occurs without prior notice or occurs to a healthy tree, it is often referred to as an "Act of God" and the owner is typically not considered to be liable.

Weatherization Assistance Available: FREE HOME UPGRADES

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. The new and updated applications are here! Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or emailed on request. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, call 301-839-1030. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply. Come check it out today!

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$57,750.00	2 ➡	\$66,000.00
3 ➡	\$74,200.00	4 ➡	\$82,500.00
5 ➡	\$89,100.00	6 ➡	\$95,700.00
7 ➡	\$102,300.00	8 ➡	\$108,900.00

Dear Neighbors,

If you notice a Street or Area Light that is out please contact the Administrative Office with the Street Address and Pole Number if possible. You can find the Pole Number on the side of the pole facing the street and should read similar to:

PEPCO 767452-1464.

Community Calendar

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885	2	3	4 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	5	6
7	8 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	9 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	10 Municipal Election 11:00 AM-8:00 PM	11 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time begins-- 1 hour forward	15 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	16 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	17 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM Swearing In DIAL: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463 St. Patrick's Day	18 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	19	20
21	22 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	23 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	24	25 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	26	27
28	29 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	30 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	31			

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	2	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885	6 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	7	8 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	9	10
11	12 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	13 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	14	15 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	16	17 Forest Heights Volunteer Cleanup (subject to change) 9:00AM-12:00 PM
CLEANUP WEEK (free dumping) 8:30 AM-400 PM Monday-Saturday for Residents ONLY						
18	19 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	20 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	21 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM DIAL: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463	22 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	23	24
25	26 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	27 Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	28	29 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 4:00 PM	30	

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Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

PRSWRT STD

ECRWSS

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Community News (continued)

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks 1 hour forward! Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 AM.



DO YOUR DOODY SCOOP That POOP
scoop. it. bag. it. trash it.

Join with other proud Prince George's pet parents and pledge to #ScoopThatPoopPGC at environment.nypgc.us

WHAT HAPPENS when you don't Scoop that Poop?

1. POOP POOP IN THE YARD (HARE OR DOG POOP)
2. DECOMPOSITION BEGINS - DISEASE CARRYING BACTERIA & PARASITES PEEF INTO THE SOIL
3. DISEASE CARRYING BACTERIA & PARASITES PEEF INTO THE SOIL WITH RAIN WATER RUNOFF
4. BACTERIA & PARASITES BECOME PASTOR, COL-STREPTOCOCCI & LARVAE
5. PEOPLE GET SICK
6. PEOPLE GET SICK

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/179/Environment>
For more information call 311 or go to environment.nypgc.us

Logos for Prince George's County, Maryland, and the Department of the Environment.

Keep your Sidewalk Clean: Please take the time to rake up any Yard Waste and keep it from spilling on the sidewalk. Grass clippings can be a tripping hazard, especially after wet weather. Failure to sweep up Yard Waste is subject to a fine under Article 19.1 of the Town Ordinance.



Important Town Help Numbers

If you need to reach the Town of Forest Heights, call **301-839-1030** for the Admin Department. For the Forest Heights Police Department or Code Enforcement, dial **301-839-4040**. For Public Works, dial **240-993-9243**.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

(301) 839-4040

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Marnisha Moore, Healthy Heights Coordinator

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Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (after 5pm) (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Notary Services—by appointment only

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM